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Thursday
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Staff meeting.

Ed Martin went over with me the Pakistan wheat situation, where it looks as if it would be advisable for us to give $15,000,000 toward alleviating the shortage there.

Russell Forgan came down from New York [redacted] to talk about several personal matters.

I was briefed by Howland Sargeant and Joe Phillips on the PSB meeting today, and afterwards talked to Messrs. Parsons and Swihart [redacted] Bill Foster's complaints about Mr. Morse, the U. S. representative on the ocean shipping pool.

We had our PSB luncheon at the Pentagon with Bill Foster as host. Bob Lovett was with us for a while. He has had a severe time at the hospital with examinations for stomach ulcers, and is now on a rigid diet.

At lunch, we discussed principally the situation in Iran. It was also decided, in view of Ellsworth Bunker's letter on the subject, that it would not be appropriate to send a PSB team to Italy to make an evaluation of the situation there.

Bob Riggs of the Louisville Courier-Journal, [redacted] of the Washington Star, John O'Brien of the Philadelphia [redacted] Lehrbas came to see me, and we talked about international [redacted]

Loyd Steere, Minister-Counsellor in New Delhi, [redacted] about to be transferred, came in to discuss his ~~future with me. Although in seniority~~ he is No. 2 in Class 1, he is No. 45 on the last Selection Board list. He will probably be assigned to Warsaw. I have known him for many years. He is extraordinarily competent in the agricultural field but for the

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last six or seven years [redacted] has been in political work, which he prefers.

Tonight, we went to a large buffet supper at Joe Alsop's given in honor of a salmon he [redacted] recently received.

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